

# CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

This department contains official notices, reports of county society proceedings and other information having to do with the State Association and its component county societies. The copy for the department is submitted by the State Association Secretary, to whom communications for this department should be sent. Rosters of State Association officers and committees and of component county societies and affiliated organizations, are printed in the front advertising section on pages 2, 4 and 6.

## CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

EDWARD M. PALLETTE ..... President  
HOWARD MORROW ..... President-Elect  
W. W. ROBLEE ..... Speaker  
MORTON R. GIBBONS ..... Council Chairman  
FREDERICK C. WARNSHUIS ..... Secretary-Treasurer

### THIS MONTH'S TOPICS\*

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### ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

#### WPA MEDICAL SERVICE POLICIES

Latest information indicates that the following divisions of the WPA are directed through a central office in San Francisco.

Resettlement Administrations.  
National Youth Administrations.  
Recreational Demonstrations.  
Work Camp Project, National Parks.

The WPA has no jurisdiction whatever over accidental injuries involving security workers employed by federal agencies such as the Army, Navy, Coast, and Geodetic Survey, even though these workers are certified by relief authorities or secured from the same sources that WPA workers are secured.

The department is governed by and operates under the rules and regulations of the United States Employees' Compensation Commission. The United States Compensation Commission and not the California Accident Board is the sole and final authority in instances of accidental injury.

Benefits arising through the Federal Compensation Act are extended solely to workers receiving *traumatic* injuries in the course of their work. Federal medical and surgical facilities must be employed wherever they are available.

When federal medical facilities are not available, then only licensed doctors of medicine may be called. The Commission recognizes only licensed physicians and surgeons.

The WPA has no closed panel of physicians and surgeons. All qualified, competent doctors of medicine are eligible to render service when federal facilities are not available. County medical societies are invited to designate competent members and this list is given to foremen for guidance when a surgeon is needed.

The Administration seeks to insure a fair and equal distribution of cases. It has no favorites. To accomplish

this impartial attitude each district compensation officer must keep and submit a cumulative report record of the number of injury cases treated by each doctor and the amount of each doctor's vouchers.

The Administration has had very few occasions for removing a doctor's name from the list of competent medical men. The chief cause for removal has been lack of cooperation in executing the paper work that is necessary and required by the Federal Commission.

Reports have come to us at rare intervals from individual doctors that their vouchers were disallowed. Investigation usually uncovers the following facts: The services rendered were not for a condition that resulted from employment or not received in the course of duty. A certain responsibility rests upon the doctor. He should know what cases and conditions are compensable. Knowing these, then, he should not charge his services to the Commission when the employee comes to him, even though the employee may present a WPA foreman's authorization for treatment for a cold. If doctors will become informed as to what constitutes compensable cases, there would be no difficulty regarding payment for services. The advice is to not expect compensation for services in cases and conditions not resulting from injury in the performance of duty.

Fees paid by the Federal Commission are not set up in any fixed schedule as far as medical services are concerned. The rule and precedent is to allow fees that are not in excess of the minimum charge in the community. The safe guide is to observe the fee schedule of the State Industrial Accident Commission.

The foregoing statements have been compiled from inquiries and investigations and are presented for the information of members.

### COUNTY SECRETARIES' CONFERENCE

The annual conference of county secretaries was held in San Francisco on February 6.

The following secretaries, presidents, councilors, and state officers were present, numbering forty-seven:

#### STATE OFFICERS:

Edward M. Pallette, President  
Howard Morrow, President-Elect  
William W. Roblee, Speaker  
Morton R. Gibbons, Chairman of Council  
Karl L. Schaupp, Chairman of Executive Committee  
C. A. Dukes, Chairman of Committee on Public Relations  
Frederick C. Warnshuis, Secretary  
Calvert L. Emmons, Councilor  
A. E. Anderson, Councilor  
C. E. Schoff, Councilor  
Henry S. Rogers, Councilor  
T. Henshaw Kelly, Councilor  
J. B. Harris, Councilor  
Hartley F. Peart, General Counsel

#### COUNTY OFFICERS:

O. B. Doyle, Secretary, Fresno County Medical Society  
Merritt C. Canfield, Secretary, Imperial County Medical Society  
C. S. Compton, Secretary, Kern County Medical Society  
E. Vincent Askey, Secretary, Los Angeles County Medical Society  
S. K. Cochems, Executive Secretary, Los Angeles County Medical Society  
Carl W. Clark, Secretary, Marin County Medical Society  
A. L. Wessels, Secretary, Monterey County Medical Society  
F. D. Heegler, President, Napa County Medical Society  
Robert A. Peers, Secretary, Placer County Medical Society

\*All articles listed under this caption, "This Month's Topics," have been written and sent to the Editor by the Association Secretary, Dr. Frederick C. Warnshuis.

R. M. Wallerius, President, Sacramento Society for Medical Improvement  
 Arthur E. Varden, Secretary, San Bernardino County Medical Society  
 Willard H. Newman, Secretary, San Diego County Medical Society  
 Stanley H. Mentzer, Secretary, San Francisco County Medical Society  
 Charles R. Kennedy, President, San Luis Obispo County Medical Society  
 E. D. Anderson, Secretary, San Luis Obispo County Medical Society  
 J. Garwood Bridgman, Secretary, San Mateo County Medical Society  
 William H. Eaton, Secretary, Santa Barbara County Medical Society  
 R. S. Kneeshaw, President, Santa Clara County Medical Society  
 Leslie B. Magoon, Secretary, Santa Clara County Medical Society  
 Samuel B. Randall, Secretary, Santa Cruz County Medical Society  
 John W. Green, Secretary, Solano County Medical Society  
 C. M. Carlson, Secretary, Sonoma County Medical Society  
 E. F. Hagedorn, Secretary, Stanislaus County Medical Society  
 Karl F. Weiss, Secretary, Tulare County Medical Society  
 A. A. Morrison, Secretary, Ventura County Medical Society  
 Francis P. Wisner, from Yuba-Sutter County

#### COMMITTEE ON POSTGRADUATE INSTRUCTION:

C. G. Toland, Chairman  
 John C. Ruddock  
 Langley Porter  
 Paul S. McKibbin

#### COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC POLICY AND LEGISLATION:

E. T. Remmen  
 Ben H. Read, Public Health League  
 W. R. P. Clark

The scheduled program was observed. The opinion was unanimous that the conference would be productive of desired results that would broaden as well as intensify county society activity.

#### AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

At the 1936 Coronado meeting two amendments were submitted to our Constitution. Under the rules they come up for consideration and action at our 1937 meeting in Del Monte.

Delegates are advised to study these amendments and be prepared to express the wishes of their county when called upon to vote. The amendments are as follows:

1. *To make the retiring president a member of the Council by creating the office of past president.*

*Resolved*, That Section 1 of Article VII of the Constitution of this Association be and is hereby amended by inserting in the first paragraph thereof after the words "the president" the following:

"The past president"; and be it further

*Resolved*, That Section 8 of Article VII of the Constitution of this Association be and is hereby amended by inserting after the words "the president" the following:

"The past president"; and be it further

*Resolved*, That Section 1 of Article X of the Constitution of this Association be and is hereby amended by inserting after the words "a president" the following:

"A past president"; and be it further

*Resolved*, That Section 2 of said Article X of the Constitution of this Association and the title thereto be amended to read as follows:

"Section 2. President-Elect, when and how elected; term of office. Past president.

"The House of Delegates at the regular annual session thereof shall elect the president-elect to serve until the adjournment of the final meeting of the House of Delegates at its next regular annual session. At the conclusion of the final meeting of the House of Delegates at its next regular annual session, such president-elect shall assume the office of president, and serve as such for the term of one year thereafter, or until his successor assumes office.

"At the expiration of his term of office the president shall become the past president and serve as such for a

term of one year thereafter, or until his successor assumes office"; and be it further

*Resolved*, That Section 4 of Article X of the Constitution of this Association be and is hereby amended by inserting in the first paragraph thereof after the word "president" the following:

"Past president."

2. *Limiting appropriation of funds by the House of Delegates.*

*Resolved*, That Section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of this Association be and it is hereby amended as follows:

By striking out all of the fourth paragraph of said Section 1 of Article XI, reading as follows:

"All resolutions providing for appropriations shall be referred to the Council, and all appropriations approved by the Council shall be included in the annual budget."

And by inserting in lieu thereof the following: "Any resolution passed and adopted by the House of Delegates at any regular or special session thereof, which provides for or contemplates the appropriation or expenditure of more than the sum of \$1,000, shall not be effective for any purpose unless and until approved by the Council. All appropriations, regardless of amount, approved and made by the Council shall, if expended, be reported to the House of Delegates at its next annual session, and any unexpended portion of any thereof shall be included in the annual budget.

#### ILL-ADVISED RESOLUTIONS

Defined policies, their observance and unity as well as uniformity of action begets organizational influence and results. In brief, the "house united" not only stands, but also endures as well as achieves.

Our Association has, through the House of Delegates, established definite policies and directed the attitude and action to be demonstrated.

From time to time some group—national or state, some business firm or some social uplifters—will gain the public limelight by advancing suggestions for or initiating a proposed plan or movement. At first glance or consideration there may become manifest some sporadic endorsement. Such endorsers usually fail to give careful consideration to pertinent facts, they are unfamiliar with all the details, they neglect to inquire from dependable sources as to the standing of the sponsors and fail to ascertain from the American Medical Association or from their State Association the information that may be on hand.

The American Medical Association and our State Association's Council run down what is back of these movements and proposals, and as a rule have complete information at hand. Often this information discloses ulterior objectives that are adverse to the members' best interest.

Ever and anon the report comes in that this or that county, hospital, or group have gone on record by passing a resolution of endorsement, when, had all the facts been known, no such endorsement would have been voted.

County societies will do well to refrain from granting endorsements until the information available has been secured from Association headquarters. Subsequent embarrassment can be prevented by making such inquiry. Members are assured that the officers and Council are alert and that they set out immediately to acquire facts whenever panaceas and new plans are projected. It is advised that endorsement be held in abeyance until all the obtainable information has been secured. In these days be wary of all proposals that announce a specific for social and economic ills. Rackets and racketeers still exist and new ones spring up regularly. Certain persons, business houses, and publications still like to pose as the "saviors of medicine"—but for selfish profit first. Black sheep are not extinct.

#### DEL MONTE ANNUAL MEETING

The April issue will contain the official program and announcements to be held in Del Monte, May 2-6. Watch for it.

In the meantime write now for your hotel reservations to Mr. Carl Stanley, Manager, Hotel Del Monte. Mr. Stanley has entire charge of all hotel reservations in Monterey peninsula. Advise him as to what accommodations you desire. Your wishes will be met if it is at all possible. On January 20 over 750 reservations were on file. This need not cause dismay, as ample accommodations are

available in first-class hotels adjacent to the official headquarters.

An excellent program, distinguished out-of-state guests, unusual scientific exhibits and demonstrations, a large commercial exhibit, and a most delightful program of entertainment should induce you to attend. Yes, there will be golf and skeet shooting. Secure your reservations.

#### OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Nearly every week inquiries are received requesting names of chairmen of committees or president or secretary of some county society.

This information can be secured by consulting the front advertising section of any issue of this publication. In that front advertising section, several pages for years have been devoted to the listing of officers, committees, scientific sections, county societies, their officers and meeting dates and similar information. Attention is directed to these pages of official directory material.

#### PARAGRAPH REMINDERS

Copy these in your engagement book.

1. Pay county society dues before April 1—preferably today, so as to escape being placed on the suspended list.
  2. File Federal income returns before March 15; State income report before April 15.
  3. Write to Mr. Carl Stanley, Manager, Del Monte Hotel, Del Monte, today for hotel accommodations around Monterey Bay for annual meeting, May 2-6. Mr. Stanley is in charge of all reservations.
  4. Write to State Secretary for legal protection secured by membership in the medical society of the State of California.
  5. Read the advertising pages and patronize these advertisers.
  6. Watch for the April issue, which will contain the annual program for the 1937 annual meeting.
  7. Become acquainted with your senator and assemblymen and ask your county secretary how you can aid in defeating undesirable pending legislation.
  8. Tell your patients and friends to listen in on radio medical programs. Program hours are listed in the News section of each issue.
  9. Apply to State Secretary for American Medical Association fellowship application blank.
  10. Take your colleague or friend who is a nonmember to your next county meeting and urge him to apply for membership if he is eligible and desirable.
- Get out your pen and book and note these important items. Do not, please, pass them up.

#### ONE THOUSAND DOLLAR FEES

From now on, under rulings of the Treasury Department, individuals paying professional fees in excess of \$1,000 must report such payment to the income-tax collector. Apparently, Uncle Sam proposes to check up on the income of lawyers, physicians, dentists, or others who charge fees for services rendered.

The suggestion has been that these charges or fees be billed at \$999 in order to relieve the recipient of your services of the necessity of making the return on his income-tax statements. Uncle Sam may spend billions freely, but he also is becoming alert in collecting every tithe or pound of flesh due to him. Evasion or the making of false returns is severely penalized.

#### SKEET CONTEST

Skeet shooters are requested to send to Dr. Alfred Phillips of Santa Cruz their intentions to enter into the Skeet Contest on Tuesday afternoon of our annual meeting in Del Monte. It is quite important that Doctor Phillips has this information in order that he can perfect local arrangements. All who desire to enter this contest will please advise Doctor Phillips at once.

#### COUNCIL MINUTES

##### Minutes of the Two Hundred and Fiftieth Meeting of the Council of the California Medical Association\*

Held in the Sir Francis Drake Hotel, San Francisco, Sunday, February 7, 1937, at 9:30 a. m.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Morton R. Gibbons, with the following members present:

President Edward M. Pallette; President-Elect Howard Morrow; Speaker William W. Roblee; Chairman Morton R. Gibbons; Councilors Karl L. Schaupp, Calvert Emmons, Henry S. Rogers, Henry J. Ullmann, A. E. Anderson, Alfred L. Phillips, Harry H. Wilson, J. B. Harris, T. Henshaw Kelly; Chairman of Public Relations Committee Charles A. Dukes; Editor George H. Kress; Secretary F. C. Warnshuis; General Counsel Hartley F. Peart and his associate, Mr. Hassard.

Absent: Doctors Carl R. Howson, O. D. Hamlin, and William H. Kiger, on account of illness; and C. O. Tanner.

1. **Annual Meeting.**—The Secretary presented a report on the program for the annual meeting as outlined by the Committee on Scientific Work at its meeting on January 9, stating that the invited guests for general meetings would be Cyrus Sturgis, Ann Arbor, Norman Miller of the University of Michigan, and Doctor Bullowa of New York. Doctor Meleney of New York will appear on a Medical Section program.

Doctor Warnshuis stated that the Committee wished to conduct a general meeting on medical economics at the third general meeting, having as speakers, Doctors J. B. Harris, T. Henshaw Kelly, and D. Crosby, and one invited guest.

It was moved by Editor Kress, seconded by Councilor Anderson that Dr. William C. Woodward of the Bureau of Legislation and Legal Medicine of the American Medical Association be invited to participate in the program on medical economics. Carried.

2. **Supplement to California and Western Medicine.** Editor Kress called the attention of the Council to his correspondence with the Los Angeles and San Francisco postmasters relative to possible supplements to CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, and suggested the desirability of printing the Pre-Convention Bulletin and annual session program in such a supplement. Thus, for April, there would be printed the regular number for that month, and also its supplement containing the regular annual session information.

Upon motion by Editor Kress, seconded by Councilor Phillips, it was voted to print such a supplement, the Secretary to contact the San Francisco post office authorities in regard to fulfillment of all postal regulations of that office in regard to supplements. Carried.

3. **Legislation.**—Junius B. Harris submitted a report on legislation stating that 3,879 bills had been introduced during the first session of the legislature, of which 256 contained matters of medical interest.

After discussion of correspondence presented by Dr. Henry Rogers, on motion of Chairman of Public Relations Committee Dukes, seconded by Editor Kress, the disposition and action on the entire matter was left to the judgment of the Legislative Committee. Carried.

4. **Intercoast Hospitalization Insurance Association.** The General Counsel submitted revisions prepared for inclusion in the rider attached to the policies of the Intercoast Hospitalization Insurance Company which would make it acceptable to the California Medical Association.

On motion of Councilor Schaupp, seconded by Councilor Ullmann, it was

*Resolved*, That the Council approve the amendment to the standard hospitalization policy of the Intercoast Hospitalization Insurance Association presented to the Council by the General Counsel at this meeting (a copy of said policy and of said amendments having been this day filed with the Secretary); and be it further

\* The minutes of the two hundred and forty-ninth meeting of the Council of the California Medical Association were printed in the February, 1937, issue of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, page 120.

*Resolved*, That the approval heretofore given to said policy by the Council be rescinded in the event that on or before March 15, 1937, said amendments are not adopted and put into effect as to all policies to be thereafter issued by Intercoast Hospitalization Insurance Association, and that a resolution be not adopted by the Board of Directors of Intercoast Hospitalization Insurance Association that all policies heretofore issued by it be interpreted by it, as far as possible, in consonance with said amendments.

**5. Medical Society of the State of California.**—A letter from Councilor Carl Howson regarding the possibility of increasing membership in the medical society of the State of California was presented. It was the sense of the Council that there should be no direct solicitation of members.

**6. Committee of Five.**—Correspondence regarding the present status of the report of the Committee of Five was presented and discussed in detail.

It was moved by Councilor Wilson, seconded by Councilor Ullmann, that the following communication be sent to the Director of the State Board of Health, Walter M. Dickie:

Dr. Howard Morrow presented Doctor Sharp's letter of February 3, 1937, to the Council of the California Medical Association.

I am instructed by resolution of the Council to inform you that we are now in a position to bring about the publication of the medical economic survey in California. The program is to submit the material for condensation and deletion of personalities, together with the securing of other mature opinion regarding conclusions and recommendations, as advised by Mr. Stuart Rice.

The California Medical Association to have an informed representative to meet with Doctor Sharp, Doctor Dodd, and one from your department, regarding the scope of this work.

It will require approximately ninety days for completion. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

It was the sense of the Council that a letter be sent to Dr. Olin West, Secretary and General Manager of the American Medical Association, requesting that Doctor Leland be permitted to assist in the evaluation of the report of the Committee of Five.

The Committee of Five was instructed to go over the report preparatory to submitting it to Doctor Leland, and in the meantime the authority would be requested from the American Medical Association for Doctor Leland's evaluation of the report.

It was moved by President Pallette, seconded by Councilor Phillips, that Dr. Alson Kilgore be appointed as representative of the Council in the conference (requested by Doctor Sharp) with Doctor Sharp and the Board of Health in regard to the publication of the Medical-Economic Survey Report. Carried.

**7. Committee on Survey of Expenditures.**—William W. Roblee, member of the Committee on Survey of Expenditures, submitted the report of the Committee, which was read section by section.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Chairman was instructed to appoint a Committee of Three to investigate and provide for termination of services of employees of the Association, and submit a report at the next meeting of the Council.

It was moved by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Anderson, that no expenditures should be made for legislation without the approval of the Chairman of the Committee on Public Policy and Legislation and the Chairman of the Auditing Committee. Carried.

It was moved by Editor Kress, seconded by Councilor Rogers, that a copy of the report of the Committee on Survey of Expenditures be sent to each member of the Council for his information. Carried.

The Council discussed the question of publication costs of the JOURNAL.

On motion of Editor Kress, seconded by Councilor Kelly, it was moved that the Chairman of the Council appoint a committee of three well-known printers to go over the cost sheets of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE in the offices of the Barry Company and to make a report thereon to the Council. The Chairman of the Council to appoint the said committee of three printers, these

to be selected from well-known printing firms of San Francisco and Los Angeles. Also the Secretary and the Editor to prepare a set of specifications as to publication and distribution requirements of the official journal, and to present the same for consideration to the Council at its next meeting. Carried.

It was brought to the attention of the Council that no change in the policy of advertising matter on the JOURNAL front page could be made until the former action of the House of Delegates was again considered by that body.

It was moved by Councilor Ullmann, seconded by Councilor Wilson, that the report of the Committee on Survey of Expenditures, excepting those portions which were acted upon individually, be received and filed for future consideration. Carried.

**8. Budget.**—Karl L. Schaupp, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, presented the budget of the Association for the year 1937-1938.

Discussion was had of the allocation of dues of members to the JOURNAL, and on motion of President Pallette, seconded by Councilor Phillips, the previous action of the Council taken on September 7, 1935, allocating \$3 dues per member to the JOURNAL was reaffirmed. Carried.

It was moved by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Phillips, that the Council instruct our auditors to set up the books of the Association on a nonprofit basis. Carried.

It was the sense of the Council that the budget be referred to the Auditing Committee, who, with the auditors of the Association, shall make the necessary changes and resubmit the budget at the next meeting of the Council at Del Monte.

**9. Recess.**—At this point a recess of the Council was taken for luncheon.

**10. Call to Order.**—The Council was called to order by the Chairman, with the following members present: Doctors Pallette, Morrow, Roblee, Gibbons, Schaupp, Emmons, Ullmann, Anderson, Phillips, Rogers, Harris, Kelly, Dukes, Kress, Warnshuis, Mr. Hartley Peart, and Mr. Hassard.

**11. Venereal Disease Control.**—After full discussion of the campaign for venereal disease control and legislation in relation thereto, on motion of Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Ullmann, it was

*Resolved*, That the Legislative Committee be instructed by the Council to support legislation for the control of venereal disease that is satisfactory in the judgment of the Committee and that is also supported by the State Board of Health.

**12. San Diego Fair.**—The Secretary stated that a moving picture had been prepared by Doctor Foord for use at the San Diego Fair at an expense of \$250 and that it had been impossible to use it on account of lack of sound apparatus. That the Chairman of the Exhibit Committee had advanced the cost from his personal funds. It was pointed out that it might be possible to dispose of the film to the American College of Surgeons or the American Society for the Control of Cancer.

It was moved by Councilor Ullmann, seconded by Councilor Kelly, that the Council authorize the payment of \$250. Carried.

**13. Past Presidents.**—It was moved by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Phillips, that the honorary certificate for past presidents as presented by the Secretary be approved and that one such certificate be presented to each living past president at the time of the Del Monte meeting, and a certificate be presented to each future retiring president. Carried.

**14. Tuberculosis.**—It was moved by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Schaupp, that the Secretary be authorized to take part in the symposium on publicity sponsored by the State Tuberculosis Association at its Riverside session. Carried.

**15. Retired Memberships.**—The Secretary presented membership data and requests for granting of retired memberships to members of the following county societies: Etta Farmer, Sacramento County; Charles Edward Hablutzel and Charles Shattinger, Santa Clara County; Marie A. Bennette and H. O. Beeson, San Bernardino

County; Sol Hyman and Mariana Bertola, San Francisco County.

It was moved by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Harris, that Etta Farmer, Sacramento; Charles Edward Shattinger, Charles Hablutzel, Santa Clara County; Sol Hyman and Mariana Bertola, San Francisco County, be granted retired membership in the California Medical Association. Carried.

It was moved by Editor Kress, seconded by Councilor Phillips, that the Secretary be instructed to present to the Council at its next regular meeting a report on possible amendments having to do with retired and honorary memberships. Carried.

**16. Annual Session Reporting.**—It was moved by Editor Kress, seconded by Councilor Schaupp, that the bid of the Yates Reporting Service for the annual meeting at Del Monte be accepted for one original and two carbon copies of minutes of the House of Delegates and general sessions.

**17. Listing in Journal.**—A request from a special society for publication of its name in the JOURNAL, under Miscellaneous Organizations, was presented and the limitations of space discussed.

It was moved by Chairman of Public Relations Committee Dukes, seconded by Councilor Ullmann, that the Council does not see its way clear to grant this listing at this time. Carried.

**18. Hospital Standards.**—After discussion of the question of standards of practice in certain hospitals, it was moved by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilors Ullmann and Emmons, that the Council of the California Medical Association does not approve attendance by members of component county societies in hospitals which permit other than doctors of medicine and dentistry licensed to practice in California to practice in the hospital. Carried.

**19. Committee of Five.**—It was moved by President Pallette, seconded by Councilor Rogers, that the Council rescind the action taken at its meeting on January 16, 1937, authorizing publication of 250 copies of the report of the Medical Economic Survey. Carried.

**20. Date of Council Meeting.**—It was moved by Councilor Schaupp, seconded by Councilor Phillips, that the next meeting of the Council be held at Del Monte, California, at 8 p. m., May 2, 1937.

**21. Committee on Hospital and/or Medical Insurance.**—T. Henshaw Kelly, Chairman of the Committee on Hospital and/or Medical Insurance gave a detailed report on amendments proposed by the dentists to the Association's bill for medical service, and other suggestions made for improvement of service offered by the bill.

It was moved by Councilor Ullmann, seconded by Editor Kress, that when amendments to the Association's medical service bill, and to the bill on hospital insurance are submitted by other interested parties, the Committee on Public Policy and Legislation and the Committee on Hospital and/or Medical Service Insurance be authorized to exercise its judgment as to the acceptance and support of such amendments. Carried.

**22. Board of Health.**—The question of personnel of the State Board of Health was discussed, and on motion of Editor Kress, duly seconded, the matter was referred to the Committee on Public Policy and Legislation. Carried.

**23. Adjournment.**—There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p. m.

MORTON R. GIBBONS, *Chairman*.  
F. C. WARNSHUIS, *Secretary*.

Progress in medicine is progress in science, and progress in science is progress in civilization.

It is an old saying that chance comes only to the minds that are prepared to welcome it.

## C. M. A. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS†

### Legislation

As Dr. J. B. Harris, Chairman of the Committee on Legislation and Public Policy, stated at the Secretaries' Conference, the present session of the legislature would outdo all previous sessions in the number of bills and resolutions introduced. At the close of the first part of this session some 3,879 bills were filed. Some eight per cent, or 256 bills, are related or deal with health, medical practice and care, hospitals and health and hospital insurance.

An early tabulation indicates the purpose and form of proposed enactments.\*

Supporting sound desirable legislation and opposing unsound measures is not the sole duty or job of a chairman, committee, or officer. It is the duty and job of every one of our 5,500 members. Every county society and every member must enter into this legislative activity and respond to the directions and requests of our Committee on Legislation and Public Policy—the State Commanders. Members must not shirk, must not withhold action during the remainder of this legislative session.

### It Is Happening Elsewhere

Wisconsin medical men find themselves in the throes of legislation that purposes to set up a system of insurance to provide medical and hospital care through compulsion. The present governor was elected, it is said, on that platform. It is reported that a "count of noses" indicates sufficient votes to pass such a law. Wisconsin will probably be the first state to enact this type of legislation, and as it is understood the medical profession will have no voice in control or direction. But a few years ago certain Wisconsin physicians were in a tirade and vocative expressions of disapproval because the California profession was confronted with a similar situation and condemned our Association and its officers because we were accused of inactivity. Compulsory health insurance laws are not on California's statute books. What is more, the Assembly Interim Committee on January 26, 1937, filed its report declaring "that the enactment of compulsory health insurance laws during the present session would be premature and ill-advised." The Committee recommended further study and report in 1939.

New Mexico is confronted with a situation similar to Wisconsin.

Minnesota finds the question a vital one during the present session of its legislature.

In Ohio, cultists are aggressive in an attempt to obtain broader regulations and recognition.

It is happening!

### Medical and Legal Professions

The medical and legal professions have much in common. They have a joint relation to a large number of social and legislative movements and problems. On the other hand, there exists an interprofessional relationship and responsibility that has not been satisfactory at all times. Misunderstandings have frequently arisen mitigating against the welfare of members of both professions as well as the public.

The medical profession is well organized. The Bar Association functions for the legal profession. Both are representative and speak with authority for their professions. There exists, then, no good reason why these two organizations cannot, through designated representatives,

† The complete roster of the Committee on Public Relations is printed on page 2 of the front advertising section of each issue. Dr. Charles A. Dukes of Oakland is the chairman, and Dr. F. C. Warnshuis is the secretary. Component county societies and California Medical Association members are invited to present their problems to the committee. All communications should be sent to the director of the department, Dr. F. C. Warnshuis, Room 2004, Four Fifty Sutter Street, San Francisco.

\* Editor's Note: See page 205 for list compiled by Committee on Legislation and Public Policy.

meet for the discussion of common interests, the adjustment of differences, the elimination of questionable practices, and the adoption of policies and procedures.

Such interchange of thought during prearranged meetings would accomplish desirable results and terminate differences. Salutory influences would become manifest.

To accomplish these ends it is hoped that some action will be taken at Del Monte that will bring about a series of meetings between the representatives of these two professions. The time is at hand when steps should be taken to obtain these ends.

### Syphilis

Surgeon-General Parran has aroused nation-wide interest in a campaign for the reduction of the incidence of venereal infection—syphilis and gonorrhea. Publicity is increasing, and medical and lay groups are lining up in support of the movement. A warning was sounded by the Council when it adopted the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Legislative Committee be instructed by the Council to support legislation for the control of venereal disease that is satisfactory in the judgment of the committee and that is also supported by the State Board of Health.

This campaign, to be successful, must be fought out, as is any battle, under planned leadership—national, state, and county. Sporadic, independent and disassociated action should not be initiated in any community or region. All local activity should conform to the State plan and program adopted by the State Department of Health, with which department our Association is coöperating through a special committee, of which Dr. Howard Morrow is chairman.

## COMPONENT COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETIES

### MARIN COUNTY

The Marin County Medical Society held its January meeting at the Marin Golf and Country Club. Dr. Anne Brady, the incoming president for 1937, was inducted into office.

Dr. Laurence R. Taussig gave a very interesting talk on *The Usual Skin Conditions as Met with by the General Practitioner*. The talk was illustrated by colored slides.

CARL W. CLARK, *Secretary*.

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### SACRAMENTO COUNTY

The regular meeting of the Sacramento Society for Medical Improvement was called to order by President Raymond Wallerius at the auditorium on Twenty-eighth and L streets on January 26. There were thirty-eight members and guests present.

The scheduled speaker of the evening, Dr. R. G. Leland, was unable to attend. In his absence, Mr. A. F. Henning, managing director of the local Retail Credit Association, gave an interesting talk on the *Economics of Credit*. Mr. Henning stated that there are about 400,000 credit cards on file at the Association; that 60,000 claims have been filed by professional men in the past ten years, of which 49.8 per cent were salvaged. The elimination of credit waste is the main endeavor of the Retail Credit Association, he said. The paper brought forth considerable discussion by the members.

A report on the passing of Dr. A. K. Dunlap was read by Dr. F. Scatena. A resolution was passed that the report be placed on the minutes of the Society and a copy be sent to the widow.

Doctor Soutar gave a report on the prevalence of influenza among school children, and asked that physicians report any cases found in their practice.

Doctor Turner discussed the matter of fees for testimony in legal cases, and stressed the fact that many physicians are not collecting for these services as they should. He also advised that the Board of Directors adopt a new fee schedule at their next meeting if possible.

Doctor Cook gave a report on the results of tuberculin testing in the city schools. Of the 1,297 students tested

at the high school, 358 (30 per cent) were found to be positive. Five of the adult type of active tuberculosis were found.

G. E. MILLAR, *Secretary*.

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### SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

The regular meeting of the San Joaquin County Medical Society was held in the Medico-Dental clubrooms on January 7 at 8:30 p. m. The meeting was called to order by Vice-President A. L. Van Meter.

Preceding the regular meeting the customary supper meeting was held at the Hotel Wolf, at which fifteen members and guests were present. The paper at the supper meeting was given by Dr. G. H. Rohrbacher, who spoke on the *Battle of Gettysburg*.

The regular meeting was opened by Dr. C. A. Broadus, talking on the work of the Postgraduate Committee and their plans for the future.

Vice-President A. L. Van Meter installed President-Elect Dr. J. F. Blinn, who carried the meeting on from this point.

Doctor Hull brought up the question of a meeting between the Medico-Dental Society and the San Joaquin County Medical Society on the evening of January 25, on the occasion of Doctor Leland's visit to us. This was discussed by several members from the floor, and Doctor Broadus made a motion, seconded by Doctor Collis, that there be a joint meeting held on the above date.

Doctor Chapman spoke of the desirability of contacting the legislators at Sacramento from this district to try to impart to them our opinions of impending legislation. Doctor Sanderson made a motion, seconded by Doctor Collis, that a committee be appointed to plan ways and means for this contacting. The motion was carried. Doctor Chapman was appointed chairman of this committee, the committee to be announced later.

Doctors Van Meter and Sanderson spoke in favor of the \$5 a year increase of dues that the California Medical Association has instituted.

The petition of Doctor Hidy of Manteca having been accepted by the Committee on Admissions and there being no opposition from the floor, Doctor Hidy was elected a member. The petition for transfer of Dr. Paul A. Werthmann was received and read. There being no opposition from the floor, Doctor Werthmann was elected a member. Petitions for membership were received from Dr. T. C. Russell of Tracy, Dr. E. S. Leavenworth of Brentwood, Dr. Oliver Riggle of Lodi, Dr. Paul R. Shumaker and Dr. W. G. Patton, both of Stockton, were received and read. These petitions were referred to the Committee on Admissions for approval and recommendations.

A motion was made by Doctor Broadus, seconded by Doctor Van Meter, that potted plants be sent Doctors Thomas O'Connor and Kaplan, also letters of sympathy regarding their sickness. The motion carried.

The scientific program was given by Doctor Vieira, who announced that Dr. O. W. Jones of San Francisco was sick with influenza and would be unable to present his paper. Dr. Howard Brown of the University of California talked on *Spinal-Cord Tumors*. This talk was well received and caused considerable comment.

There being no further business to come before the Society, the meeting was declared adjourned at 10:30 o'clock and refreshments were served.

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The regular meeting of the San Joaquin County Medical Society was held in the Roof Garden of the Hotel Wolf, Stockton, February 4, President John F. Blinn presiding.

The regular session was preceded by the customary supper meeting, at which fifteen members were present.

The paper at the supper meeting was given by Dr. G. H. Rohrbacher, who gave a demonstration of the modern medical equipment as used by the Army and National Guard. The regular meeting was called to order at 8:30 p. m.

The application of Dr. Elliott P. Smart from the Los Angeles County Medical Society for affiliation with this Society was presented to the members and approved.



Dr. H. S. Chapman reported on the progress of his committee which was to contact the legislators of northern California relative to health legislation.

Dr. C. A. Broaddus made a motion, seconded by Doctor Van Meter, that the change in the by-laws relative to suspending members as requested by the California Medical Association, be referred to the directors for consideration, and their recommendations followed.

Dr. Dewey Powell made a motion, seconded by Doctor Van Meter, that the following resolution concerning the death of Dr. Thomas C. O'Connor be spread upon the minutes and a copy be sent to his widow. The motion carried.

#### IN MEMORIAM: THOMAS C. O'CONNOR, JR.

The members of the San Joaquin County Medical Society were shocked and grieved to learn on the thirteenth day of January, 1937, of the tragic death of their immediate past president, Dr. Thomas C. O'Connor, Jr.

Doctor O'Connor was born in Stonington, Connecticut, on the fifteenth day of August, 1893. His pre-medical education was obtained at the University of Nevada. He was graduated in medicine from the University of California Medical School on the eleventh day of May, 1927, and was licensed to practice in this State in December of that same year. He was junior assistant of the Colfax School for Tuberculosis until 1929, at which time he accepted the position of medical superintendent of Bret Harte Sanatorium. He resigned from that post in the autumn of 1936, and was preparing to enter private practice in his specialty of chest diseases in the city of Oakland at the time of his death.

The members of this Society esteemed Doctor O'Connor very highly for his professional attainments. His counsel was sought and valued in the problems of diagnosis and treatment of chest diseases, and his ability as a director and administrator is best evidenced by the fine results that have been achieved and the present standing attained by Bret Harte Sanatorium. His enthusiasm for his work and his loyalty to organized medicine was best manifested by the many long trips he took to attend our meetings, to serve on committees and the Board of Directors, and by the efficient manner by which he presided over our deliberations during 1936.

Doctor O'Connor has left a lasting impression with his coworkers and friends, and we desire to herewith extend to his widow and daughter our sincere sympathy and to also have a copy of this resolution spread in full upon the minutes.

Doctor Hull made a motion, seconded by Doctor English, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the editors of each paper in this county. Motion carried.

The papers of the evening were submitted by Dr. Harold P. Hill, who spoke on *Influenza and Influenza Pneumonia*. A second paper was read by Dr. Charles W. Barnett of Stanford University, who substituted for Dr. Russell V. Lee, on *Control of Venereal Infection*. Both papers caused considerable comment.

President Blinn suggested that all those who had not contributed to the flood relief, place their contribution in the box on the table.

G. H. ROHRBACHER, *Secretary*.



#### TULARE COUNTY

The January meeting of the Tulare County Medical Society was devoted to business matters and the annual election of officers.

Dr. J. C. McClure, President, presided at dinner. There were present Doctors Guido, Rosson, Ginsburg, Preston, Parkinson, Wynn, Austin Miller, Weiss, McClure, A. E. Anderson, Fillmore, Lipson, Falk, Hill, Mathias, and Brigham.

District Councilor A. E. Anderson of Fresno discussed the proposed voluntary health insurance measure and read the proposed code which the councilors are to pass on.

A general résumé of the Society's activities for the year 1936 was given.

Local Society dues were voted to remain the same as in the past, thus making a total of \$25 for State and local societies.

The application of Dr. Lynn Smith of Springfield was read and he was unanimously elected to membership.

Election of officers for the year 1937 resulted as follows: Dr. R. C. Hill of Exeter, president; Dr. Austin Miller of

Porterville, vice-president; Dr. K. F. Weiss of Visalia, secretary-treasurer; Dr. Ray Rosson of Tulare, censor, 1940; Dr. J. C. McClure of Lindsay, delegate; Doctor Parkinson of Tulare, alternate.

KARL F. WEISS, *Secretary*.



#### VENTURA COUNTY

The regular monthly meeting of the Ventura County Medical Society was held at the Ventura Country Club on Tuesday, November 10, 1936, at 7 p. m.

Members present were: Doctors Shore, D. G. Clark, Strong, Drace, Barker, Hendricks, Osborn, Bardill, Gronhoyd, Mosher, and Morrison. Guests were: Doctors Ullmann and Moffat.

Doctor Ullmann spoke briefly on the impending state legislation, stressing particularly hospital insurance and the necessity for immediate action. Doctor Ullmann suggested that we appoint legislative and insurance committees.

Dr. D. G. Clark introduced Doctor Moffat of Santa Barbara, who presented a paper on *A Patient with Extreme Obesity, Amenorrhea, Hypertension, and Diabetes* (case report). The patient was successfully treated with anterior pituitary sex hormones.

Business meeting followed.

Announcement was made of a postgraduate course to be given by the College of Medical Evangelists in Los Angeles. A similar announcement was made in regard to the College of Heart Symposium in San Francisco.

The State Secretary's monthly letter was read.

The first reading of the amendment for disciplinary procedure was given by the secretary.

Dr. D. G. Clark made a motion, seconded by Dr. H. E. Barker, that we approve the Alameda County Hospital insurance plan. The motion was unanimously carried. The secretary was instructed to write a letter to secure data on the above plan.



The Ventura County Medical Society held its annual banquet and election of officers at the Saticoy Country Club on Tuesday, December 8, 1936.

Members present were: Doctors Shore, Coffey, Mosher, Gronhoyd, Armitstead, Felberbaum, S. Clark, C. Smolt, Barker, Homer, and Strong. Guests were: Dr. Dan Clark of Santa Barbara, Doctor Cashew of Carpinteria, Mr. Charles A. Son and Mr. Gallagher of the Industrial Accident Commission.

Following the dinner the meeting was called to order by President Shore.

Mr. Charles A. Son gave a talk on the relationship between the Industrial Accident Commission and the medical profession.

Resolutions regarding the unfair practices of the public health nurses in the handling of school children, and one condemning the inadequate facilities for the proper care of smears and cultures in the outlying districts, were sent to the County Health Officer. A copy of the latter resolution was also sent to the Board of Supervisors.

Discussion was held in regard to establishing a minimum fee schedule for the county. No definite action was taken in regard to this measure.

Discussion was held in regard to the vaccination of children in the Ventura schools. Since this was a local problem, it was decided to let the physicians of that community reach their own solution.

A second reading of the amendment for disciplinary procedure was given by the secretary.

The following officers were unanimously elected for the coming year: Dr. F. R. Hendricks of Ventura, president; Dr. G. C. Drace of Ojai, vice-president; Dr. A. A. Morrison of Santa Paula, secretary-treasurer; Dr. G. C. Coffey of Ventura, delegate.



The Ventura County Medical Society held its regular monthly meeting at the Saticoy Country Club on Tuesday, January 12.

Members present were: Doctors Hendricks, Bardill, Shore, Drace, Barker, Mosher, D. G. Clark, Gronhoyd, Coffey, and Morrison. Guest: Doctor Eckhardt.

Following the dinner the meeting was called to order by President Hendricks.

President Hendricks read a résumé of the tentative bill to be sponsored by the California Medical Association. Doctor Coffey made a motion, seconded by Dr. D. G. Clark, that we go on record favoring such an insurance plan to be sponsored by the California Medical Association. The motion carried. Doctor Shore suggested that this insurance be limited to the lower income groups.

Doctor Bardill made a motion, seconded by Doctor Shore, that members sending in cards and not attending the meeting were to be assessed \$1, unless the secretary is notified by five o'clock the preceding day. The motion carried.

A third reading of the amendment for disciplinary procedure was given by the secretary. Doctor Coffey made a motion, seconded by Dr. D. G. Clark, that the amendment be adopted. The motion carried.

Doctor Mosher made a motion, seconded by Doctor Barker, that we endorse the Roche plan of medical advertising through the American Medical Association.

Doctor Shore made a motion that Doctor Porter be accepted for immediate membership. The motion was seconded and carried.

The secretary was instructed to write letters to Doctor Homer and Doctor Illick, who are ill.

Doctor Shore is in charge of the program for February.

A. A. MORRISON, *Secretary*.

## CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

### New Members (42)

*Alameda County*.—George A. Bakke, David R. Hadden, George S. Irvine.

*Fresno County*.—Hugh Awtrey, D. H. Trowbridge, Jr.

*Imperial County*.—T. T. Mitchell.

*Lassen-Plumas-Modoc County*.—John W. Moore.

*Los Angeles County*.—Ralph W. Avery, Grant Beckstrand, P. Conrad Casper, E. L. Christeson, Erle Henriksen, Phillip Levine, M. H. Nathanson, Charles H. Pettet, Helen E. Preston, Samuel J. Sills, Walter H. Wieman.

*Merced County*.—E. M. Soderstrom.

*Orange County*.—Luther C. Davison, John J. Montanus.

*Sacramento County*.—W. F. Lowe.

*San Bernardino County*.—Ernest Cadwell.

*San Diego County*.—Leonard C. Fry, Thomas S. Mooney, Clarence E. Nelson, Thomas S. O'Connell, James E. Reeves.

*San Francisco County*.—Lazarre John Courtright, Burt L. Davis, Jr., John A. Driscoll, John B. Fershtand, Elliot G. Schneider, Steven Frederick Slepnikoff, Kazue Togasaki, Teru Togasaki.

*San Joaquin County*.—E. A. Anderson.

*San Luis Obispo County*.—Henry Fenno Sawtelle.

*Santa Barbara County*.—Walter Marius Anderson, C. W. Henderson, P. F. Munch.

### Transferred (4)

Edward W. Bulley, from San Mateo County to Merced County.

Sophie M. Loven, from San Francisco County to Kern County.

Marshall E. Porter, from Sonoma County to Ventura County.

Thomas A. Wong, from San Francisco County to Los Angeles County.

### Resigned (5)

Jessie M. Bierman, from San Francisco County.

Herbert M. Every, from Sonoma County.

Mark Gerstle, Jr., from San Francisco County.

Asher D. Havenhill, from San Francisco County.

Thomas H. McGavack, from San Francisco County.

## In Memoriam

**Carey, Henry Benjamin.** Died at San Francisco, February 4, 1937, age 61. Graduate of the Northwestern University Medical School, Chicago, 1905. Licensed in California in 1906. Doctor Carey was a member of the San Francisco County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

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**Denman, Claire H.** Died at Berkeley, January 12, 1937, age 69. Graduate of Hahnemann Medical College and Hospital of Philadelphia, 1893. Licensed in California in 1907. Doctor Denman was a member of the Alameda County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.

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**Dunlap, Albert Knight.** Died at Sacramento January 19, 1937, age 47. Graduate of Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, 1916. Licensed in California in 1917. Doctor Dunlap was a member of the Sacramento Society for Medical Improvement, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

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**Ghrist, David Garrison.** Died at Los Angeles, February 3, 1937, age 38. Graduate of Harvard University Medical School, Boston, 1925. Licensed in California in 1926. Doctor Ghrist was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

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**Lenker, Walter Dora.** Died at San Bernardino, January 30, 1937, age 43. Graduate of the College of Medical Evangelists, Loma Linda, 1918, and licensed in California the same year. Doctor Lenker was a member of the San Bernardino County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

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**Minaker, Andrew J.** Died at San Francisco, January 16, 1937, age 60. Graduate of the Hahnemann Medical College of the Pacific, San Francisco, 1899, and licensed in California the same year. Doctor Minaker was a member of the San Francisco County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

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**Renz, Carl.** Died at Mill Valley, January 22, 1937, age 73. Graduate of the University of Tübingen, Tübingen, Germany, 1889. Licensed in California in 1893. Doctor Renz was a retired member of the San Francisco County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

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**Sweet, Frank Dumont.** Died at Long Beach, January 24, 1937, age 50. Graduate of Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, 1916. Licensed in California in 1917. Doctor Sweet was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.

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**Van Sickle, J. Russell.** Died at Santa Monica, January 16, 1937, age 57. Graduate of Wayne University College of Medicine, Detroit, 1906. Licensed in California in 1925. Doctor Van Sickle was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.



## OBITUARY

## Thomas C. O'Connor, Jr.

WHEREAS, Thomas C. O'Connor, Jr., was one of our early and most valued members; and

WHEREAS, His untimely death has severed a close and valuable personal friendship as well as deprived us, individually and severally, of a sympathetic and genuinely scientific point of view toward the problems of the patient with tuberculosis; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the Laennec Society of Northern California adjourn this regular meeting out of respect to his memory; and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes and notice thereof sent to his family.

## THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TO THE CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION†

### State Board Meeting

The State Board met at the Hotel Leamington in Oakland Wednesday, February 10. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Andrew J. Thornton of San Diego. The following Board members answered to roll call: San Diego, Mrs. Willard Newman; Los Angeles, Mrs. Clifford A. Wright, Mrs. John V. Barrow, Mrs. Benjamin H. Sherman, Mrs. Mark Albert Glaser, and Mrs. Arthur J. Annis; San Jose, Mrs. John Hunt Shepherd; San Francisco, Mrs. George H. Becker and Mrs. Frank H. Rodin; San Rafael, Mrs. Robert M. Furlong and Mrs. Harry O. Hund; Oakland, Mrs. Frank R. Makinson, Mrs. Hobart Rogers, and Mrs. Charles C. Hall.

Six county presidents were present: Mrs. F. J. Maggs of San Joaquin, Mrs. Charles Moore of Santa Clara, Mrs. J. C. Geiger of San Francisco, Mrs. F. C. Knox of Monterey, Mrs. C. W. Page of Alameda, and Mrs. Harry O. Hund of Marin.

Since last Board meeting, Monterey County has organized, and much interest and enthusiasm was reported. They are coöperating with the convention chairman, Mrs. John Hunt Shephard, in making the annual meeting a most enjoyable one. A record attendance is expected at the Del Monte meeting. Splendid reports were given by the chairmen of the different departments and the councilors.

At one o'clock a delightful social hour and luncheon was enjoyed in the Peacock Room of the Leamington Hotel. The luncheon table was beautifully decorated in spring flowers.

Following the afternoon session a tea was given at the home of Mrs. Charles C. Hall honoring the president, Mrs. Charles A. Dukes, a past president of Alameda County, and Mrs. Thomas J. Clark, Jr., past president of the State Auxiliary, presided at the tea table. Assisting in the dining room were members of the Alameda County Board of Directors, including Mrs. Frank Baxter, Mrs. T. Floyd Bell, Mrs. Helen Gleason, and Mrs. W. O. Solomon.

### Component Auxiliaries

#### Alameda County

The January luncheon meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Alameda County Medical Association was held at the Claremont Country Club on January 15.

†As county auxiliaries of the Woman's Auxiliary to the California Medical Association are formed, the names of their officers should be forwarded to Mrs. Robert M. Furlong, chairman of the Publicity and Publications Committee, Linden Lane, San Rafael. Brief reports of county auxiliary meetings will be welcomed by Mrs. Furlong and must be sent to her before publication takes place in this column. For lists of state and county officers, see advertising page 6. The Council of the California Medical Association has instructed the editor to allocate two pages in every issue for Woman's Auxiliary notes.

Mrs. W. H. Sargent, past president of the State Auxiliary, as well as of the Alameda County Auxiliary, was the hostess of the day, and the decorations were in charge of a committee headed by Mrs. T. F. Bell.

The chief items of business were the presentation of the handbook for the new year and an announcement concerning the loan fund for medical students.

The handbook contains a brief history of the Association, a complete membership roster, and the recently amended constitution. It should prove a practical aid to the members in their work.

Letters from both the University of California and Stanford Medical Schools were read, acknowledging the receipt of the loan funds for this year. One has already been granted to a student, and the other is in process of allocation.

The speaker of the day, Dr. Mary Burch of Mills College, gave an interesting talk on *The Problems of Childhood*. Doctor Burch is a specialist in child guidance, so had much that was interesting to tell.

It was announced that at the February 12 luncheon the guest of honor and speaker would be Mrs. A. J. Thornton, President of the State Auxiliary.



#### Los Angeles County

The Woman's Auxiliary to the Los Angeles County Medical Association met at the Orthopedic Hospital on Tuesday, January 26, with 110 members present. The attractive table decorations of pansies and ferns proved the ingenuity of the capable Flower Committee chairman, Mrs. William M. Daniel, in this period of frozen gardens.

As the program was of particular interest and along the line of public thought in connection with the significance of the President's Ball, quite a number of guests attended.

Dr. Robert L. Carroll, orthopedic surgeon, gave a talk on infantile paralysis.

A demonstration of rehabilitation of handicapped children was given by presentation of a play by crippled children of the Orthopedic Hospital. Trained to emphasize the value of the voice rather than body action, these young actors performed so convincingly, though confined in wheel chairs, braces or casts, that they gave almost the feeling of normal motion without actually moving around the stage.

The Auxiliary voted to contribute \$25 to the Red Cross for relief of flood victims in the Middle West.

MRS. ROBERT L. CARROLL, *Chairman of Publicity*.



#### Marin County

The Woman's Auxiliary to the Marin County Medical Society was addressed on Thursday evening, January 28, at the Marin Golf and Country Club by Mr. Harry Sapper of Oakland on the subject of *Social Education and Progress*.

At a tea given at her home on Grand Avenue recently, Mrs. Harry O. Hund, president of the Marin County Auxiliary, was hostess to the doctors' wives of Marin and Sonoma counties.



#### Monterey County

It is with great pleasure we announce that Monterey has joined the ranks of the Woman's Auxiliary to the California Medical Association.

The first meeting was held in January at the home of Mrs. Garth Parker of Salinas. Officers were elected and plans made for the new Auxiliary.

Mrs. John Shephard of Santa Clara was guest speaker. Her talk helped us greatly, for we were anxious to know how we could be of service to our community and not merely a social organization, and Mrs. Shephard pointed out many ways in which we could definitely be of help.

The matter of greatest importance at the moment is the Del Monte convention in May. This gives us something definite to work for, in which we are all interested.

We hope to have Mrs. Andrew J. Thornton with us at our February meeting to discuss the convention plans.

The following list contains names of charter members and officers: Mrs. Lawrence Knox of Carmel, president; Mrs. Arthur Wessels of Salinas, vice-president; Mrs. John Gratiot of Pacific Grove, secretary; Mrs. W. H. Farr of Salinas, treasurer.

Mesdames A. A. Arehart, Raymond Rukke, J. P. Sandholt, Mast Wolfson, Monterey; L. P. Davlin, Gonzales; William Gratiot, H. Spencer Hoyt, Winton Swengel, Pacific Grove; R. O. Griess, James McPharlin, Werner Meyenberg, Garth Parker, L. E. Smith, Mrs. F. E. Wiebe, Salinas.

RUTH RHODES GRATIOT, *Secretary*.

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#### Orange County

The regular meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Orange County Medical Association for February took the form of a luncheon meeting at Danigers Tea Room in Santa Ana on February 2. Twenty-five members were present. The meeting was the first "no host" one of this year, and a discussion was held as to whether to make all the meetings luncheon or not, but no decision was made.

Mrs. L. E. Wilson, a member of the Public Health Committee, spoke briefly on the *Social Security Act*.

A scholarship loan for medical students of Orange County was established to be taken care of through our local junior college.

No other important business was discussed.

The program was a book review by Mrs. Hiram Currey, one of our members, who reviewed Victor Heiser's *An American Doctor's Odyssey*.

MRS. EDW. LEE RUSSELL, *Publicity Chairman*.

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#### San Diego County

The regular luncheon meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the San Diego County Medical Society was held at the University Club. The president, Mrs. F. G. Lindemulder, presided.

Mrs. Elmo Crabtree made another appeal for *Hygeia* subscriptions.

Our honorary member, Dr. Frances P. Elliott, was introduced and she very graciously acknowledged the introduction.

Mrs. Gage Wetherell, Chairman of the Social Committee, announced that, in order to raise funds, six benefit bridge teas will be given February 9 at the homes of Mesdames Elliott Colby, R. Emerson Bond, Alex Lesem, Thomas Whitelock, Jr., R. H. Lundberg, and F. G. Lindemulder.

Mrs. E. H. Christopherson, Chairman of the Public Relations Committee, told of plans for the Health Education program to be given Wednesday, February 24, at the Y. W. C. A. The general subject of this meeting will be *What Is New in Medicine*.

*March of Medicine* was given in a one-minute report by Mrs. H. W. Dickerson and a five-minute report by Mrs. R. Emerson Bond.

Our state president, Mrs. A. J. Thornton, guest speaker of the day, gave us a brief history of the Woman's Auxiliary, encouraging us in our local and state work.

Mrs. Thornton's talk was followed by an amusing greeting from Mrs. Willard Newman, State Corresponding Secretary.

Meeting adjourned.

ELIZABETH R. BELFORD, *Secretary*.

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#### Santa Barbara County

The Woman's Auxiliary to the Santa Barbara County Medical Society held its January meeting on the 18th at the home of Mrs. Henry J. Profant in Mission Canyon.

The meeting was preceded by a delightful luncheon served buffet style. Twenty-four members were present. Five ladies from Santa Maria were a welcome addition

to our group, this being the first time that members from the northern part of the county have attended one of our meetings. Mrs. N. N. Brown, District Councilor, was to have attended the meeting, but was detained on account of illness.

Mrs. C. T. Roome, one of the judges of the Essay Contest, reported on the results of the contest. Five essays on *Immunization: Its Theory, Practice, and Results*, were sent in from the high schools and colleges of the county. First prizes of \$20 each went to Earl O. Homan of the State College and Doris White of the Santa Barbara High School. Second prize went to Norma Pratt, and third to Daniel Scher, both of the State College. The second prize was \$10 and the third \$5, and all of them will be awarded soon at assemblies in the respective schools.

It was decided that we would, as usual, give a prize of \$10 to the best all-round nurse in the graduating class of the Cottage Hospital, the prize to be given at the graduating exercises on January 29. Plans were discussed for the annual benefit bridge party, and it was decided to set the date immediately after Easter.

Mrs. Roome read the essay which won the first prize, which described in about 1,500 words the two theories of immunization as offered by Erhlich and Metchnikoff. This was followed by a brief history of vaccination and a review of the results as applied chiefly to smallpox. All were agreed that Earl Homan deserved the prize he had won, and it is expected that following the publicity of the awarding, more essays will be submitted another year.

MRS. H. E. HENDERSON.

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#### Santa Clara County

Report of the regular meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Santa Clara County Medical Association.

The meeting was a luncheon held at the San Jose Country Club on February 8, forty-two members being present.

Honored guests and speakers were Mrs. Andrew J. Thornton, state president, and Mrs. Willard H. Newman, state corresponding secretary of San Diego. Mrs. Thornton painted a verbal picture of the history and organization of the medical auxiliaries, and stressed the importance of a well-functioning social and educational group.

A letter was read from the American Association of University Women inviting members of the Auxiliary to hear Dr. Leo Eloesser of San Francisco, recently returned from a three months' stay in Russia, speaking on *Medical Education, Care and Organization in the Soviet Union*.

Mrs. Charles E. Moore, president, announced March 6 was selected by the Auxiliary committee for an informal dinner dance to be held at the San Jose Country Club for members and their husbands.

Mrs. John Hunt Shephard, chairman of the State Auxiliary convention to be held at Del Monte in May, urged all members to take an active part in the various committees.

MRS. DANIEL BILKER, *Publicity Chairman*.

*Treatment of Intestinal Toxemia with Castor Oil.*—Schoenbaum and Moomaw show that the colon is the principal focus of infection in toxemia and should receive at least as much attention as the teeth, tonsils, and other structures. Many constitutional disturbances as well as those of the abdominal cavity have their origin in a toxic condition of the enteric tract. In this connection the author mentions nervous, hepatic, biliary, circulatory and respiratory disorders, anemias, rheumatism, arthritis, disorders of the skin, backache, and other disturbances. He says that the so-called normal flora of the intestinal canal may assume pathologic activities under favorable conditions. The colon bacillus is the agent most frequently responsible for nongonorrheal infections of the genito-urinary system. Measures aimed at the detoxification of a septic colon will often help in solving a difficult diagnostic problem. The theory of intestinal toxemia is supported by clinical experience. In discussing the treatment, the author presents evidence on the detoxifying effect of castor oil and its conversion product, sodium ricinoleate.—*Virginia Medical Monthly*.